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SUBJ: UN CONFERENCE ON THE REPRESENTATION OF STATES

1. INFORMAL GROUP MET LATE P.M. OCT 15 TO DISCUSS SCHEDULING OF SUBJECT CONFERENCE. EGYPT, ACTING AS CHAIRMAN, REPORTED THAT CO-SPONSORS OF THAT RES FAVORED A DATE IN 1975, AND HAD NO PREFERENCE WHETHER CONFERENCE EMPLOYED ONE OR TWO MAIN COMITES. EGYPT NOTED TIME AVAILABLE IN 1975 WAS WITHIN DATES OF 4 FEB TO 14 MARCH.

2. USDEL NOTED THAT THREE OPTIONS WERE AVAILABLE:
(A) CONFERENCE COULD BE HELD IN 1976. USG PREFERRED THIS COURSE; (B) HOLD CONFERENCE IN 1975 FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS WITH 2 MAIN COMITES MEETING SIMULTANEOUSLY. THIS WOULD INTENSIFY HARDSHIP OF DELS STAFFING CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS INCREASED DIFFICULTY OF SYG SERVICING; BUT TO SHORTEN DURATION TO SIX WEEKS WITH ONLY ONE MAIN COMITE WAS RISKY IN LIGHT OF THE NUMBER OF ARTICLES INVOLVED; OR
(C) HOLD CONFERENCE IN TWO SESSIONS, ONE IN 1975, ONE IN 1976 - THIS WAS FISCALLY IMPRUDENT FOR DELS AND SECRETARIAT. USDEL CONCLUDED THAT WHILE WE WOULD ABIDE BY VIEW OF MAJORITY, SCHEDULING CONFERENCE FOR 1976 WAS CLEARLY PREFERABLE COURSE.

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3. FRANCE DEL SPEAKING FOR EC-9 ALSO EXPRESSED

PREFERENCE FOR 1976. UK DEL EXPRESSED SIMILAR VIEW
THOUGH WAS WILLING CONSIDER TWO SESSION APPROACH.

4. WHILE MEETING IN PROGRESS MEXICAN DEL ADVISED GROUP
THAT LATINS, WHICH HAD JUST CONCLUDED A CAUCUS, FAVORED
CONFERENCE BE HELD IN 1975.

5. AFTER SOME FURTHER DISCUSSION CHAIR (EGYPT) PROPOSED
THAT SYG BE REQUESTED TO PREPARE FINANCIAL IMPLICATION
PAPER FOR CONFERENCE TO BE HELD 4 FEB TO 15 MARCH 1975
IN VIENNA. IT WOULD HAVE ONE MAIN COMITE AND ONE
DRAFTING COMITE. SYG WILL ALSO HAVE TO DETERMINE
WHETHER IT CAN PROVIDE SERVICES FOR EXTRA 10 DAYS IN
FEBRUARY. BEFORE PAPER IS ISSUED AUSTRIA WILL ADVISE
SYG WHETHER IT CAN HOST CONFERENCE FOR EXTRA 10 DAYS
IN FEBRUARY.

6 COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOME AFRICANS (KENAY, GHANA)
AND LATIN AMERICANS (GUATEMALA, MEXICO, VENEZUELA) HAD
INITIALLY RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO OUR SUGGESTION OF
POSTPONEMENT TO 1976, SOVIET AND ARABS HAD PUT HEAVY
PRESSURE ON FOR 1975 AND SETTE CAMARA (BRAZIL) HAD
CONVINCED LA GROUP THAT ANY FURTHER DEFERRAL OF
CONFERENCE WOULD BE INIMICAL TO CODIFICATION PROCESS.
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